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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 54

MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1996

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

**2 ABSENCE OF SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER**

The Deputy Clerk having informed the House that the Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) and the Deputy Speaker (Mr Nehl) were absent until later this day, the Second Deputy Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.

**3 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**

Mr Truss presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 17th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organisation (AIPO) General Assembly, Phuket, Thailand, 16 to 21 September 1996—Report.

Mr Truss made a statement in connection with the report.

**4 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Bradford (Chairman) presented the following paper:

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Examination of the annual report for 1994-95 of the National Crime Authority—Report, December 1996.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Bradford, Mr Sercombe and Mr Filing made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Bradford moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Bradford was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**5 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mrs Sullivan (Chair) presented the following papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Review of reports of previous Procedure Committees which have not received a Government response—

Report, 21 November 1996.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mrs Sullivan made a statement in connection with the report.

Mrs Sullivan moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mrs Sullivan was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Taylor presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Australia's relations with Southern Africa—

Report, November 1996.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Taylor made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Taylor moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Taylor was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**7 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Taylor (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—4th Report—Treaties tabled on 15 and 29 October 1996—

Report, November 1996.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Taylor made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Taylor moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Taylor was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**8 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Nugent presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to India and Pakistan, 25 August to 6 September 1996—Report.

Mr Nugent and Mr Sercombe made statements in connection with the report.

**9 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Bradford presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the OECD Roundtable and Kenya, Ethiopia and Eritrea, 17 June to 5 July 1996—Report, November 1996.

Mr Bradford and Mr O'Connor made statements in connection with the report.

**10 QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1996**

Mr Fitzgibbon, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908*.

Mr Fitzgibbon made a statement in relation to the Bill.

*Paper:* Mr Fitzgibbon, by leave, presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

**11 BURMA-THAILAND RAILWAY—PRISONER OF WAR MEMORIAL**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Truss—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the great heroism and sacrifice of Australia's prisoners of war, in particular those who worked on the Burma-Thailand railway;
- (2) commends the Government on its initiative to construct a museum and memorial to prisoners of war near Hellfire Pass in Thailand;
- (3) commends Mr Rod Beattie and his associates for their work in clearing a 4km walking trail along the Burma-Thailand railway at Hellfire Pass; and

- (4) calls on Australian companies, ex-service organisations and other countries whose service personnel also worked on the railway to support the Prisoner of War Memorial project—

Debate resumed.

Mr Truss, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## 12 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

## 13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Member ordered to withdraw:* At 3.12 p.m. the Member for Melbourne (Mr Tanner) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for 1 hour for continuing to interject after having been requested not to do so, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

## 14 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER ( THE HONOURABLE J. D. M. DOBIE)

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable J. D. M. Dobie, and moved—That the House expresses its deep regret at the death on Monday, 25 November 1996, of the Honourable James Donald (Don) Mathieson Dobie, a Member of this House for the Division of Hughes from 1966 to 1969, and for the Division of Cook from 1969 to 1972 and 1975 to 1996, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister from 1971 to 1972, Deputy Chairman of Committees from 1970 to 1971, 1979 to 1983 and 1987 to 1994, member of the Speaker's Panel from 1994 to 1996 and places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious service and its profound sadness at his passing.

And Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

## 15 PETITIONS

The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Andren, from 132 families and friends of Scallywags Bathurst Community Child Care, NSW; Mr Bartlett, from 73 families and friends of Katoomba Children's Cottage, NSW; Mr Bartlett, from 38 families and friends of North Richmond Child Care Centre Inc., NSW, and Mr Howard, from 115 families

and friends of Gumnut Cottage, Macquarie University, NSW, respectively, praying that operational subsidies to community based long day care centres be retained.

Mr Bevis, from 10 residents of Queensland, and Mr McClelland, from 132 residents of New South Wales, respectively, praying that the outcomes of the 1996 Budget in relation to child care be reversed and certain other action be taken in relation to child care.

Ms Macklin and Mr M. A. J. Vaile, from 7 and 25 petitioners, respectively, praying that Commonwealth funding to dental clinics be re-instated.

Mr Albanese, from 149 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to assist small businesses affected by the acquisition of houses in Sydenham, NSW.

Mr Albanese, from 125 petitioners, praying that the Sydney Airport (Regulation of Movements) Bill be passed.

Mr Albanese, from 47 petitioners, praying that action be taken to construct a second airport for Sydney at Badgerys Creek.

Mr Albanese, from 22 residents of New South Wales, praying that funding cuts to the Home and Community Care Program be reversed.

Mr Andren, from 422 petitioners, praying that the actions taken against firearm owners and firearms be reconsidered.

Mrs Bailey, from 2 petitioners, praying that the importation of animals for exhibition in circuses be prohibited.

Mr Bevis, from 12 residents of Queensland, praying that the decision to cut funding to the ABC be rescinded.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 115 residents of Western Australia, praying that Medicare funding of D & X abortions be opposed.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 23 residents of Western Australia, praying that funding to the ABC not be decreased and advertising not be introduced.

Mr Charles, from 1081 residents of Victoria, praying that appropriate action be taken to enable the Narre Warren By-pass project to commence.

Mr Hardgrave, from 20 petitioners, praying that the weekly pension be increased by ten dollars above the Consumer Price Index.

Mrs Johnston, from 1379 petitioners, praying that the Dale Cottages Complex, Armadale, WA, be funded for an additional 40 nursing home beds.

Mr Jull, from 719 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken in relation to the conflict in Sri Lanka.

Mr Lee, from 1362 petitioners, praying that the proposed reductions to the Medicare rebate for psychiatric patients be reversed.

Mr Lee, from 42 petitioners, praying that all resolutions of the Australian Police Ministers' Council Special Firearms Meeting, May 1996, be adopted.

Mr Marek, from 152 petitioners, praying that certain reforms to the Child Support Scheme be implemented.

Mr Marek, from 100 petitioners, praying that the Cannabis and Hemp Growers, Graders and Traders Association be supported to establish a hemp growing industry in central Queensland.

Mr McClelland, from 5465 residents of Sydney, praying that funding for the St George Campus of the University of New South Wales be continued.

Mr McClelland, from 68 petitioners, praying that funding cuts to community based child care be opposed.

Mr McLachlan, from 735 petitioners, praying that legislation which protects workers and employers from union intimidation be supported.

Mr Nairn, from 10 friends of the ABC, Eurobodalla Branch, NSW, praying that the current level of funding to the ABC be maintained.

Mr Neville, from 175 electors of the Division of Hinkler, praying that Medicare offices in regional Queensland be maintained and public sector cuts affecting regional Queensland be opposed.

Mr Williams, from 68 petitioners, praying that the national gun law measures be supported and expedited.

Petitions received. . . .

## 16 POVERTY

Mr Quick, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes that the United Nations has declared 1996 to be the International Year of Eradication of Poverty;
- (2) notes that, in spite of significant economic progress in many countries over the last 50 years, more than one billion people continue to live in absolute poverty; and
- (3) urges the Government to increase the budget allocation for aid and to take all possible measures to work toward the elimination of poverty.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## 17 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Dr Theophanous be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

**18 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1996-97—

No. 15—Performance audit—Management of food provisioning in the Australian Defence Force.

No. 16—Financial control and administration audit—Payment of accounts.

No. 17—Performance audit—Workforce planning in the Australian Defence Force: Department of Defence.

Mr A. P. Thomson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, moved—That:

(1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 15, 16 and 17 of 1996-97; and

(2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

**19 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING**

The Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Wednesday, 4 December 1996, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

**20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate were reported:

(a) returning the following Bills without amendment:

21 November 1996—Message—

No. 97—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1996-97.

No. 98—Appropriation (No. 1) 1996-97 (*without requests*).

No. 99—Appropriation (No. 2) 1996-97.

25 November 1996—Message No. 102—Payment of Tax Receipts (Victoria) 1996.

26 November 1996—Message—

No. 104—Sales Tax Laws Amendment (No. 1) 1996 (*without requests*).

No. 105—States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment 1996.

29 November 1996—Message No. 106—States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) 1996.

(b) acquainting the House that Senator Ellison had been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities, and that Senator Gibson had been appointed a member of the committee—25 November 1996—Message No. 100.

(c) acquainting the House that Senator Ian Macdonald had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, and that Senator Short had been appointed a member of the committee—25 November 1996—Message No. 101.

- (d) acquainting the House that Senator Ian Macdonald had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and that Senator Short had been appointed a member of the committee—29 November 1996—Message No. 107.

#### 21 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

20 November 1996—Message No. 65—Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1996.

25 November 1996—Message No. 66—Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment 1996.

27 November 1996—Message—  
No. 67—Payment of Tax Receipts (Victoria) 1996.

No. 68—  
Income Tax Rates Amendment (Family Tax Initiative) 1996.  
Family (Tax Initiative) 1996.

No. 69—Wool International Amendment 1996.

28 November 1996—Message No. 70—  
Appropriation (No. 1) 1996-97.  
Appropriation (No. 2) 1996-97.  
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1996-97.

#### 22 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NEWLY ARRIVED RESIDENT'S WAITING PERIODS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1996

Message No. 71, dated 14 October 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of requests by the Senate for amendments of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, the *Student and Youth Assistance Act 1973*, the *Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act 1990*, the *Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Act 1995*, and the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

#### 23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NEWLY ARRIVED RESIDENT'S WAITING PERIODS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1996

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 103

Mr Speaker

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for **An Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, the *Student and Youth Assistance Act 1973*, the *Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act 1990*, the *Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Act 1995*, and the**



**Health Insurance Act 1973, and for related purposes**, and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by schedule A annexed.

The Senate informs the House that the amendments indicated by schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate.

MARGARET REID

President

The Senate

26 November 1996

*Constitutional significance of Senate amendments—Statement by Speaker and paper*

The Speaker made the following statement:

Before the house deals with the Senate's request I should inform Members that the question has been raised as to whether some of the amendments that the Senate has made to this bill should in fact have been made as requests.

This raises again the difficult question of the third paragraph of section 53 of the Constitution. In this particular case, as I understand it, the amendments in question affect eligibility for certain benefits. The effect of the amendments is that expenditure under a standing appropriation would be greater than it would be if the amendments were not made.

Nevertheless, it appears that if the amendments are made, the expenditure will not be any greater than it would have been under the existing law, for which appropriations have been made—that is the burden on the people would not be any greater than it is under the status quo, it is just that the sum of the "savings" originally proposed in the bill will be reduced.

I think it is reasonable for the House to take the view that these particular Senate alterations can indeed be made as amendments, and do not need to take the form of requests. This view is consistent with the view taken by members of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs in its major report on these provisions, which was presented in November 1995.

This point may also be relevant to some Senate amendments to other bills, including the Shipping Grants Legislation Bill which has been listed as the next item of business. Unless other factors are involved I would not propose to comment on each such instance—

and presented the following paper:

Senate Procedure Committee—Report—Third Paragraph of Section 53 of the Constitution—Notes by Mr L. M. Barlin, Clerk of the House of Representatives, 27 November 1996.

Ordered—That the amendment requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

#### SCHEDULE A

#### REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT

Schedule 1, item 2, page 3 (after line 23), at the end of subsection (6AA), add:

- ; or (c) holds or was the former holder of a subclass 826 visa—Interdependency; or
- (d) holds or was the former holder of a subclass 832 visa—Close ties; or
- (e) holds or was the former holder of a subclass 833 visa—Certain unlawful citizens; or
- (f) holds or was the former holder of a visa that is in a class of visas determined by the Minister for the purposes of this paragraph.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), the requested amendment was made, after debate.

#### 24 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SHIPPING GRANTS LEGISLATION BILL 1996

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 108

Mr Speaker

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for **An Act to repeal the *International Shipping (Australian-resident Seafarers) Grants Act 1995* and to amend the *Ships (Capital Grants) Act 1987*, and for related purposes**, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MARGARET REID

President

The Senate

29 November 1996

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

#### SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Schedule 1, page 3 (after line 27), at the end of the Schedule, add:

#### **4 Continued application of Act**

- (1) If, before 1 May 1996:
  - (a) an agreement for the construction, or purchase, of a ship was made by a shipowner; and
  - (b) the shipowner was an Australian national;
 then, despite the amendment of the *Ships (Capital Grants) Act 1987* made by item 3, that Act, as in force immediately before the commencement of item 3, continues to apply to the shipowner in respect of that ship.
- (2) In this item:

*Australian citizen* has the same meaning as in the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*.

*Australian national* means:

- (a) an Australian citizen; or
- (b) a body corporate established by or under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

On the motion of Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

**25 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**

Mr Somlyay (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 347—Annual report 1995-96, November 1996.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Somlyay, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

**26 BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENT BILL 1996**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 72, dated 11 October 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Clauses 1 to 3 and schedules 1 and 2, by leave, taken together—

Mr Melham, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 2, page 1 (line 9) to page 2 (line 12), omit subclauses (2), (3) and (4).

Schedule 1—

Page 4 (line 18) to page 5 (line 11), omit item 13.

Page 6 (line 6) to page 11 (line 17), omit item 20.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Truss, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 44

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Connor
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McClelland	Mr Price
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Quick
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton

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Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Filing	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mrs Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Dr Southcott
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clauses 1 to 3 and schedules 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule 3—

Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 14 (line 3), omit “old rule 179”, substitute “old rules 179 and 181”.

Page 14 (line 18), omit “*old rule 179* means rule 179”, substitute “*old rules 179 and 181* means rules 179 and 181”.

*Paper*: Mr Williams presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Williams, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**27 BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) BILL 1996**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time.

**28 BANKRUPTCY (REGISTRATION CHARGES) BILL 1996**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time.

**29 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1996**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

*Paper:* Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs) presented a correction to the explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate resumed.

Mr Kerr was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**30 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 96th Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference, Beijing, and bilateral visits to Vietnam, the Philippines and Hong Kong, September-October 1996—Report.

The Speaker made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

### 31 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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### PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 December 1996:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Statement under section 40 1996 No. 1.

Christmas Island Act—Casino Control Ordinance—Appointment of Casino Controller, 18 November 1996.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—

Exemptions 1996 Nos. CASA 22, CASA 24.

Civil Aviation Orders—

Exemptions Nos. 187/FRS/199/1996, 188/FRS/200/1996, 189/FRS/201/1996, 190/FRS/202/1996, 191/FRS/203/1996.

Part 105—Amendments 7(2), 8, 12(8), 13(2), 14(3), 15(4), 18(3) November 1996.

Part 106—Amendments 14(2) 15 November 1996.

Part 107—Amendments 13, 14, 15, 25 November 1996.

Instruments Nos. M166/96, M167/96, M169/96.

Customs Act—Instruments of approval 1996 Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1996 Nos. 21, 25, 26.

Determinations under section 58B 1996 Nos. 40, 41.

Life Insurance Act—

Actuarial standards Nos. 2.01, 3.01.

Insurance and Superannuation Commissioner—Variation of Commissioner's rules No. 22.

Native Title Act—

Native Title (Right to Negotiate (Exclusion)—NSW Land) Determination 1996 No. 1.

Native Title (Right to Negotiation (Inclusion)—NSW Land) Approval 1996 No. 1.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the date on which the following provision of the *Commonwealth Bank Sale Act 1995* shall come into operation—Item 12 of the Schedule, 22 November 1996.

Public Service Act—

Determinations 1996 Nos. 200, 206, 211, 212, LES 41.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Determination 1996 No. 15.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation 1996 No. 5.

Taxation Administration Act—

Determination 1996 No. TD 96/44.

Ruling 1996 No. TR 96/26.

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#### ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Holding, Mr Reid\* and Mr Willis\*.

\* On leave

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives